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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### **(U) Bakersfield – Police Arrest One of Three Suspected Gang Members on the Run**

(U) On 2 January, police arrested one of three suspected gang members that have been on the run since last month following a massive inter-agency sweep, called "three blind mice," targeting the West Side Crips. The sweep resulted in the arrest of 25 people who were persons of interest in the murder of a five-year-old child. Two West Side Crip members are still on the run.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [ABC 23 News](#)

##### **(U) San Diego - Flu Has Killed 34, Including 1-Year-Old**

(U) The San Diego County Health Department added 34 people, one of them a young child, to the flu-related death toll yesterday as the number of cases and emergency room activity continues to spike in the region. Since July, the flu has killed 45, nearly nine times as many as died during the same time-frame last year, and nearly 15 times the prior three-year average, according to health officials.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [San Diego Union Tribune](#)

##### **(U) San Francisco - Set of Security Flaws Compromises Phones, Computers**

(U) Researchers with Google's Project Zero, academics, and foreign researchers announced major security flaws yesterday. The flaws could allow hackers to steal sensitive information from nearly every modern computing device containing chips from Intel Corp, Advanced Micro Devices Inc, and ARM Holdings. The first flaw, identified as Meltdown, could allow hackers to read a computer's memory and steal passwords. The second flaw, Spectre, could allow hackers to trick otherwise error-free applications into giving sensitive information. Security patches and updates to fix the flaws have been since released.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Reuters](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### **(U) District of Columbia – Ex-NSA Contractor Plead Guilty to Massive Theft of Secret Data**

(U) Washington – A former US National Security Agency (NSA) contractor has agreed to plead guilty to stealing classified information, according to court documents filed yesterday, in what may have been the largest theft of US government secrets in history, amounting to 50 terabytes of data, over a twenty-year period. The government has not said what, if anything, the accused man did with the stolen data.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [Reuters](#)

##### **(U) North Carolina - Police Operation Dismantles Major Drug Trafficking Group**

(U) Greensboro - A police operation involving local, state, and federal law enforcement agents targeted a major area drug trafficking organization last month, resulting in the seizure of luxury cars, illegal drugs, and jewelry. The alleged leader and 10 others face federal charges following the six-month investigation. Police seized 8 kilograms (kg) of cocaine, 11 kg of heroin, 50 pounds of marijuana, \$171,000 cash, six firearms, a Corvette, a Rolls-Royce, and \$426,000 worth of jewelry.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [Winston-Salem Journal](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) Texas - Data Breach Affects Some El Paso Electric Customers**

(U) El Paso – The personal information—such as names, addresses, and account numbers—of El Paso Electric (EPE) customers who use the mobile payment application MobilePay may have been compromised due to a data breach, the utility announced yesterday. EPE would not confirm how many people were affected, but did confirm letters were sent to more than 16,000 EPE customers in Texas and Southern New Mexico.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [KVIA News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Egypt – ISIS Declares War on Rival Hamas with Video Execution**

(U) Sinai Peninsula – The ISIS branch operating in the Sinai Peninsula recently released a video calling on its followers to attack the Palestinian Hamas group, and executed who it said was a collaborator. It is an escalation that analysts say has the potential to destabilize the security situation in Gaza--territory that Hamas has controlled for the past decade.

SOURCE: 4 January 2018, [Washington Post](#)

**(U) Pakistan - Government to Seize Control of Charities run by Suspected Terrorist**

(U) Islamabad – Pakistan plans to seize control of charities and financial assets linked to Hafiz Saeed, designated a terrorist by the United States, according to officials. The United States has labeled two of Saeed's groups "terrorist fronts" for Lashkar-e-Taiba ("Army of the Pure"), a group Saeed founded in 1987 and which Washington and India blame for the 2008 attacks in Mumbai that killed 166 people.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [Fox News](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Six Held in Far-Right Extremist Group Investigation**

(U) West Midlands – Five men from Cambridge, Banbury, Wolverhampton, Leicester, and Stockport, and a woman from Banbury were detained by police yesterday on suspicion of preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism, namely on suspicion of being a member of an identified far-right extremist group called "National Action." Police said the arrests were intelligence-led and carried out in conjunction with other counter-terrorism units across England.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [BBC](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Arizona – Customs Officers Seize \$1.2 Million in Marijuana at Southwest Border**

(U) Lukeville – US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents seized more than a ton of marijuana, with a potential street value of more than \$1 million, resulting from an inspection of a motorhome. Agents found 120 bundles of marijuana hidden in storage compartments, walls, and under the floor of the motorhome, in what officials described as the second-largest marijuana seizure at the Lukeville Port-of-Entry.

SOURCE: 3 January 2018, [Arizona Daily Star](#)

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